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2015 Schedule of Meetings:

May 6th, June 3rd, July 8 (due to July 1st being Canada Day), Aug. 5th, Sept. 2nd, Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th, and Dec. 2nd.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., meeting starts 7 p.m., at the Rockwood Public Library (inside Erasmo's Community Centre) at 85 Christie Street (near corner Christie Street and Main Street North Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, On. N0B 2K0).

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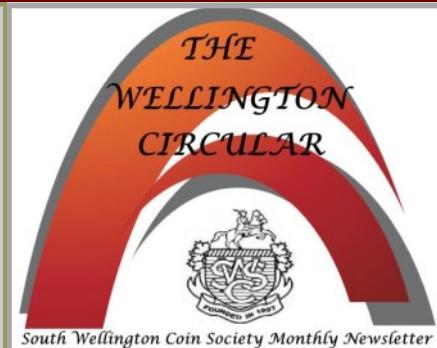


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**NEXT MEETING DATE:
WEDNESDAY,
MAY 6TH, 2015
DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.
MEETING STARTS **7 P.M.**
THEME: TIMOTHY EATON**



Editor's Message

Our next meeting is Wednesday, **MAY 6TH, 2015 AT **7 P.M.** (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)!** Theme is **Timothy Eaton—the Early Years**. A reminder this is the second special auction where many quality items have a reserve substantially below market, some below face value and several are proceeds to the club. Our June-July-August-September auctions will have a similar style for the first 10 items (if not more) of each of these auctions. Come out for these exciting opportunities!

On April 2nd, **Mike Hollingshead** contacted your Editor that he would be returning to Canada April 11th, but has to go back to Cuba in June. Although no major numismatic discoveries in Cuba this winter, he made lots of new friends and lost weight. Evidently Cuba is due to have wireless installed this year, and **Mike** wonders how much Bill Gates will reap from the relaxed blockade! LOL. **Mike** will update the club on his work in helping to rehab a Cuba Numismatic catalog. To quote **Mike**, “Two more weeks here, just bought two 2peso bonos from the pre-revolutionary period 1955-1959. A tad rough but people had to keep them hidden or suffer torture and possibly death at the hands of the fascist Batista police.”

CUBA BONO REVOLUCIONARIO 2 PESOS. MOVIMIENTO 26 DE JULIO images are courtesy of Zoconet. Popular Cuban saying, “Cuba is the only country where people earn one currency – pesos – from their work, but must have another – the dollar – to survive.”

Some members may recall the June 2000 speech of Cuban President Fidel Castro, “I believe that in the future, it will never be necessary again to ban the possession of dollars or other foreign currencies, but its free circulation for the payment of many goods and services will only last for as long as the interests of the Revolution make it advisable. Therefore we are not concerned about the famous phrase ‘the dollarization of the economy’. We know very well what we are doing.”

In 1993, the government of Cuba ‘depenalized’ the possession of U.S. dollars by Cuban citizens, following more than three decades in which holding U.S. dollars was illegal.



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**Meeting Set-up /
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Local / Special Coin Shows & Conventions

Go to for more shows and events: <http://canadiancoinnews.com/events/>

- **GUELPH—May 2—SEE FLYER IN THIS ISSUE**
- **2015-May 9, Edithvale Community Collectibles Hobby Show, North York Coin Club,** details at www.northyorkcoinclub.ca, e-mail p.petch@rogers.com
- **2015-May 3, Windsor Coin Club Annual Spring Coin Show, Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Avenue, Windsor, e-mail Margaret Clarke mtclarke@mnsi.net**
- **2015-July-22-26, Halifax, Royal Canadian Numismatic Association with Halifax & Regional Coin Club,** visit www.rcna.ca for details and registration.

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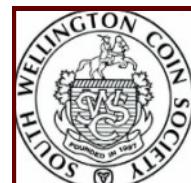
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Club Report & News reported by Scott Douglas[Here's SWCS Apr 1, 2015 meeting report :](#)

We had 16 members present (including 1 YN). **Heather Horne-Dues** provided yummy homemade Easter treats which her son **Peter** helped to make. **Judy Blackman** gave out packages of Easter gum, and **Gary Fedora** donated a jar of shredded paper money to the club's auction with proceeds to the club. **Gary** also stepped up offering assistance to **Heather** so that **Peter** can enjoy the ONA convention on the Saturday in Niagara.

Scott Douglas explained **Judy Blackman** will take over as the SWCS website liaison with our webmaster **Julaine Scott**, who she already works with each month on the RCNA Numis Notes. **Judy** then explained the 3 laws that came into affect recently: 1. July 1 2014 having to do with published e-mails, 2. Jan. 2 2015 having to do with posting pictures, and 3. Oct. 1 2014 new requirements for public website to be accessible for those with handicaps. She explained some stuff that will be removed from the public site, but will still be accessible to members from a secured members only site, and she will send each member their own personal log-in info to access the secured site. It's a site provided to clubs who don't have their own website, or don't have secured sections on their website, and each club has their own log-in for its members. If you are a member of another club using the site, your log-in will be the same for both clubs.

James Edward Charlton (July 26, 1911 – September 20, 2013) died in his 103rd year. His devoted son is **James R. Charlton** who is married to **Pamela** and has two sons (**Daniel** and **Trevor**) and grandchildren takes after his father. **James** contacted **Scott Douglas** with educational items his father had amassed, and wished to donate back to the numismatic community. At each meeting of SWCS, **Scott** will put out numismatic publications for members to help themselves (he started with our April 1st, 2015 meeting). We wish to express our gratitude to **James R. Charlton** for thinking of SWCS.

His father **James Edward Charlton** aka "Jim" was always generous. On more than one occasion, Jim sent **Scott** a letter commenting on whatever article he had written in the CN Journal or Numismatic Canada. He was always complimentary in expressing how interesting or informative the piece was. **Scott** always felt **Jim's** sincerity and appreciated that he would take the time to show his support.



On another occasion **Jim** sent **Scott** some old invoices and statements from the *Hamilton Stamp & Stencil Works* dated in the 1890s when **Jim** found out **Scott** was researching the company for a future article. **Scott** knows his stories are not unique, and would encourage everyone to take a moment now to reflect on how **Jim** has touched so many lives. **Jim** is a numismatic legend, and his legacy will live on in all who knew him. **Scott** is included in this group photo from the 2011 CNRS meeting in Windsor (Ontario). **Jim** is in the front row (third from the right) and was being celebrated as numismatics' newest centenarian.

[Speakers / Presentations:](#)

April 1st, 2015, **Judy Blackman** with assistance from **Scott Douglas**, displayed and spoke on a special collection of **St. Eligius medallions** and other related items (some originate from France and other parts of Europe and are quite unique and large), along with a mini-Power Point Show. **Scott** expanded on the **Knights of St. Eligius Brotherhood**, and on the life of St. Eligius.

As well, an **April Fool's Show** prepared by **Judy** with input from **Mike Hollingshead** played for members to have some fun. **Peter H-D** took home the CD with both presentations, and the binder containing 41 pages of 2 books on the life of St. Eligius, as well as the PPTs, and blank note pages.

Peter Becker spoke on the ONA convention coming up and shared the attractive medal (designed by **Brent Mackie**) in 3 different compositions, warning members, the medals are selling fast! **Peter** confirmed due to issues with the proposed venue in Sudbury, the *Nickel Belt Coin Club* dropped out as host of the 2016 convention and the *Waterloo Coin Society* stepped up to host it at the Holiday Inn in Kitchener. The ONA needs a proposal from any club wanting to host the 2017 as the venue needs to be locked down soon. If no club steps up, then WCS will host it again.

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in Kitchener. If SWCS would like to host it, please submit your proposal by early May 2015 to **Robb MacPherson**. SWCS already puts on 2 shows a year, and 4 mall days a year, putting a large demand on the clubs' resources for volunteers; however, the SWCS executive will discuss the hosting opportunity at their next meeting.

May 6th, 2015, will be "*All Things Timothy Eaton—The Early Years*" presented by **Judy Blackman** and assisted in her display by **Scott Douglas**. Judy has researched this amazing giant and the company's fall from glory, and will share some unique history. We are expecting **Cassidy Shroud** (President of the **Brantford Numismatic Society**) and her parents to attend. Her parents have about a 30 years history with Eaton's and will bring some of their collectibles with them.

Volunteers Needed:

Just a reminder we have our **Spring Show** at the Guelph Legion on **Sat., May 2nd**, so once again, sign up with **Lowell** to volunteer for whatever time you can contribute. See flyer in this issue.

April Draw Winners: John Semedo looked after selling tickets.

Members Draw: Albert missed out on winning \$5 so our May meeting will be \$10.

King Arthur's Treasure: John Semedo won 51 items.

50-50 Draws: \$14 plus 2 Easter Chocolate bars were won by Lowell Wierstra.

Special Upcoming Auctions:

Just a reminder we have another special auction coming up, for our May meeting. **Many lots are way below the typical reserves (some even below Face Value), and several are all proceeds donated to the club.** As well, for June-September (4 mths.), we have similar lots for the first 10 lots of each of those 4 auctions. This newsletter contains the May auction list. Tell your friends to come out with you for some great deals!

Monthly Auction:

With **Mike Hollingshead** away, **Scott Douglas** called the auction and runners were **Peter Becker** and **Charles Turton**.

The commission charged to consignors: Sold for under \$20, auction fee is 25 cents and items sold for over \$20 fee is

\$1. Pretty simple. No buyers premium, no sales tax. Bring your items to consign to the meeting or contact **Lowell** at ljwierstra@rogers.com or phone 519-824-6534! Please use the new consignment form. SWCS recently purchased 3 collections from the estates of 3 non-SWCS members, and we look forward to offering you a wider variety of items during the 2015 year.

April auction highlights: 33 of 40 lots sold for a total **\$651** to consignors plus **\$37.50** to SWCS for the items marked "all proceeds to club", and the jar of paper money donated by **Gary** sold for **\$6**. The unsold lots were 1, 7, 13, 20, 21, 22, and 28. A few of the sold lots had a lot of competitive action (some with 4 bidders battling it out at once).

Apology to **Peter Becker**. The April newsletter failed to reference him as one of the runners at the SWCS March meeting. We really appreciate all that **Peter** does for our club, and are sorry his name was missed on the meeting notes.

Stepping Up:

If you have aspirations of being an editor, speak up. The RCNA is looking for an **Editor for Numis Notes** (contact **Bret Evans**), and the ONA is looking for an **Editor for The Numismatist** (contact **Robb MacPherson**). New blood is encouraged to give these roles a try! As well, the **CCN** is seeking an Editor, contact **Mike Walsh** if you are interested or would like to recommend somebody to him.

Thank you:

Claude Proulx, founder and Grand Knight of the *Knights of St. Eligius Brotherhood* sent thanks for SWCS for continuing to promote St. Eligius as the Patron Saint of Numismatics. There are approximately 47 Knights at present which includes 3 women (a female Knight is referenced as Dame, a male as Sir). Becoming a Knight is by invitation, and most of the Knights are in Europe (including the 3 women who are all in France). **Scott** and **Judy** reviewed the SWCS membership at our April meeting, on who was knighted at the RCNA convention held in Hamilton 1994 with **Scott**, namely **J. Doug Andrews**, **Richard M. Craig**, and **Serge Pelletier**. Also a knight is **Bret Evans**. Some of you may recall the RCNA library list includes **Claude's Ex Libris Numismatica - Bookplates for Numismatists**. He also the author of a 2 volume publication on the history of Val-David (Quebec). This is a 1956 picture of **Claude** who recently entered is 80s.



The Doctor Spoke To SWCS Members

On March 26th, **Mike Hollingshead** confirmed a very special person, namely **Stephen Edward Thorning**, came to SWCS and spoke on *Early Banking in Waterloo / Wellington*, and **Steve** was a friend of his and his sister **Susan**. **Stephen** is famous for tours to his hometown of Elora (Ontario). *Macleans Canada* referred to him as “The Doctor, a learned man with a great sense of humour and history.”

Stephen was born in Toronto in 1949 and later his parents moved to Elora when **Stephen’s** sister (also a **Susan**) was born. At age 12, **Stephen** built his own model train set. He amassed an impressive collection of stamps, postmarks and envelopes from interwar Germany. In his teens, **Stephen** assembled his first ham radio, and learned how to fix tube televisions. He also made a working metal detector from a rake and a Frisbee. In his late teens, **Stephen** worked for a pair of furniture factories, a foundry and a post office, before returning to school to study English literature and business at the *University of Guelph*. While working at a bank, he helped to set up a computerized system, while quietly earning his master’s degree in history. His family had no idea about it until he graduated. **Stephen** kept up his studies while caring for his ailing mother, and while he himself was diagnosed with colon cancer (from which he recovered). **Stephen** then went on to earn his doctorate in economic history - PhD, McMaster University 1994 – Department of History, Advisor: J. C. Weaver, Author of *Hayseed Capitalists: Private Bankers in Ontario* (1994).

Stephen was editor of the stamp collector’s magazine ‘*Canadian Philatelist*’, and he served as the president of the *Elora-Salem Horticultural Society*, was convenor of croquet tournaments, a guide for local historic tours, and became an Elora councillor (after running for the satirical *Rhinoceros Party of Canada* piqued his interest in politics), and the he went on to become deputy reeve. He went on to write columns for three papers for more than 25 years and offered historical parallels from a hundred or more years earlier to any current political controversy.

In the 2000s, **Stephen** worked on a biography of the late American journalist, gourmand and railroad lover, **Lucius Beebe**. This photo was published in many sources including *MacLeans Canada*, and several others, so your Editor was unable to confirm the origination of it. It was used in **Stephen’s** run for the Mayor of Elora (which he lost to his opponent).

On February 23rd, 2015, **Stephen** was travelling home (to Elora where he bought a house a couple of years back) from California by train. As it passed through Utah, he suffered a stroke and was taken to a local hospital, where **Stephen** died at age 65.

May **Stephen**, a wonderful human being, outstanding historian, and our friend rest in peace!



(images courtesy of Judy Blackman) Apr 1, 2015 SWCS membership meeting: left to right Peter Becker, Scott Douglas, Lowell Wierstra, Charles Turton, and Mel Brown.

Cuba 1995 3 Pesos

In 1995 the Cuban government concentrated on implementing economic reforms to increase private-sector investment in the economy and generate greater foreign exchange inflows. The move followed the severe pruning of the budget deficit, which fell from 33% of gross domestic product (GDP) in 1993 to 8% in 1994. The 1995 deficit was likely to be less than the target of 1 billion pesos (about 5% of GDP) as a result of further cuts in government subsidies, price rises, and a reduction in the public-sector workforce. For the first time since 1989, there was in 1994 a slight increase in GDP, of 0.7%, which accelerated to an annualized 2% in the first half of 1995. The tourist trade and foreign investment brought inflows of foreign currency, and the greater supply of dollars caused the exchange rate to improve from a low of 150 pesos to the dollar in 1994 to about 25 pesos in September 1995. A convertible peso was introduced at par with the U.S. dollar, with the aim of eventually withdrawing dollars from circulation and replacing them with the convertible peso. About 44% of the population had access to foreign exchange, compared with 21% in 1994. In October the legal exchange of pesos for dollars at the rate of 30 to 1 quietly began.

In September the National Assembly passed a new investment law allowing 100% foreign ownership of enterprises in Cuba. Investment was to be allowed in real estate and in free-trade and export-manufacturing zones but not in education, health, and defense. Investment proposals would continue to be considered on a discretionary basis, but Cuban exiles were assured that they would not be discriminated against if they wished to invest in their homeland.

Negotiations also were proceeding on reform of the banking system in order to cope with the increasing numbers of Cubans using foreign exchange but having to operate with cash. The lack of international credit arrangements also affected large businesses and the export sector. It was proposed that the National Bank of Cuba become a central bank and that its commercial and other banking activities be spun off. A broader domestic financial services sector would be created, including trade finance specialists and an investment bank. In September Cuban banks for the first time advertised dollar accounts paying market rates to allow Cubans to accumulate capital in hard currency.

Despite the gradual opening of the Cuban economy and the increasing frustration of many U.S. companies wanting to do business with Cuba, the U.S. House of Representatives voted in September to tighten the U.S. embargo. A controversial bill, introduced in February by Sen. Jesse Helms, sought to penalize those doing business with Cuba through third countries. It generated widespread international opposition; the European Union said that its application to third countries would be in breach of World Trade Organization rules and 1994 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) agreements. Canada and Caribbean countries also opposed the bill. Nevertheless, the House voted in its favour by 294 to 130.

The action of the House contrasted with the softer attitude of the U.S. administration toward Cuba. In May a joint U.S.-Cuban declaration was issued in which Cuba agreed on the admission to the U.S. of most of the 21,000 Cubans still held at the U.S. base at Guantánamo since the 1994 mass emigration. The U.S. agreed that future migrants intercepted at sea would be repatriated, a move that sparked demonstrations among Cuban exiles in Miami, Fla. Cuba ratified the international convention against torture and other degrading treatment, bringing to 16 the number of human rights agreements it had signed. Several political prisoners were released as a result of official requests from abroad, and Pres. Fidel Castro held a cordial meeting in Havana with a Cuban exile who headed Cambio Cubano, which advocated a peaceful transition to democracy in Cuba.

Though there was improvement in the tourism, nickel, and seafood exchange earning sectors, Cuba's main export, sugar, remained in crisis. The 1994-95 harvest was at its lowest level in 50 years, at about 3.3 million metric tons. The 1995-96 crop was expected to increase slightly for the first time in three years as a result of purchases of fertilizers and weed killers, but most of the export earnings were allocated to cover debt payments.

Cuba commemorative 3 pesos 1995 "Ernesto Che Guevara"; Revolutionary State (1976-heden); Head of State: Fidel Castro van Cuba (1976-2008); Theme: Ernesto Che Guevara, Verzelshelden, Coat of Arms; Composition: Nickel-plated steel (Vernikkeld staal); KM# 346a



Italy Seeks Limit On Coin Imports by Mark Fox

Italy recently asked the United States to once again extend for another five years the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that restricts the U.S. importation of a wide range of archaeological material, including some ancient “coins of Italian types.” Only such coins that can be demonstrated to have left Italy before the last MoU extension was implemented (Jan. 19, 2011) can be legally imported.

Roman coin collectors and researchers are very concerned that Roman imperial coins (31 B.C.E.-491 C.E.) may be added this time to the designated list of restricted objects, which are unequivocally the heart of ancient coin collecting. Particularly vulnerable as well are Roman Republican coins. Those minted before 210 B.C.E. in gold, silver and bronze are already restricted. For the details of what other archaeological material is currently restricted by the Italian MoU, see the designated list at <http://eca.state.gov/files/bureau/it2011dlfrn.pdf>.

“The MoU with Italy has the potential to be a watershed (or said another way, the straw that broke the camel’s back),” writes Wayne G. Sayles, founder and current executive director of the Ancient Coin Collectors Guild (ACCG). “Strong united comment in opposition is essential to those in Washington who only seem to measure response by the pound and tend to ignore truth and justice. If the history of coin restrictions under MoU is any guide, we can expect that there will be an effort within the Cultural Heritage Center to expand the designated list for coins from Italy to include Roman Imperial issues. That would affect tens of thousands of collectors in the U.S. alone and the one-way flow of these coins in years to come would eventually destroy private collecting as an avocation of any but the wealthy and privileged – setting ancient numismatic research and preservation back 300 years.”

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) is equally opposed to any expansion or extension of the Italian MoU, “because,” explains ANA Gov. Scott Rottinghaus, “it not only restricts collecting of ancient coins, but it also hinders cultural understanding and person-to-person contacts that are promoted by the international exchange of historical coins.”

With so many different MoUs in force now, many restricting particular groups of coins that only experienced numismatists are equipped to recognize easily, some fear that any more import restrictions will cause U.S. Customs to begin detaining ancient coins indiscriminately.

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee (CPAC) will meet from April 8-10, 2015, to discuss Italy’s request and receive oral public comments during the open session on April 8. However, the public has only until March 20 to make their written concerns known in the decision-making process. Comments are currently being accepted through the eRulemaking Portal at the following link: <http://www.regulations.gov/#documentDetail;D=DOS-2015-0010-0001>.

Only comments the writer believes “to be privileged or confidential” may be mailed to the following address: Cultural Heritage Center (ECA/P/C), SA-5, Floor C2, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-05C2.

Regarding whether or not the public needs to address all four determinations, as laid out by the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (CPIA), under 19 U.S.C. 2602 (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2013-title19/html/USCODE-2013-title19-chap14-sec2602.htm>), lawyer and coin collector Peter Tompa has these words to say: “The fact is that most collectors can only comment on what they know. They know the impact of restrictions on their hobby. That’s an entirely appropriate basis for comment, and I would note the Federal Register notice does not suggest otherwise.”

As of March 6, only 63 online comments were posted. Such a number is unlikely to help sway decisions in either direction. If not renewed, the current MoU with Italy will expire on Jan. 19, 2016.

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Robert William Geary

Did You Know... that one of Ontario's earliest collectors was also an authority on the War of 1812? Robert W. Geary was born in Owen Sound, Ontario July 4, 1859 the only son of William Joseph and Emily Geary formerly of Cork, Ireland. Some-time in the early 1870's William and Emily took Robert and moved to Pinkerton, Ontario about 45 miles away in Bruce County. Here William set up shop as a cabinet maker.

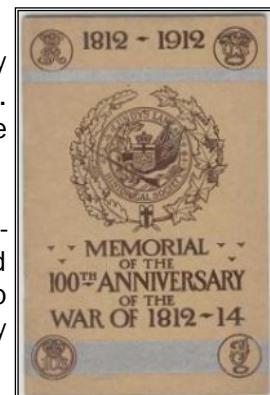
On May 29, 1883 R.W. Geary married Jessie Pascoe of Niagara Falls, Ont. The marriage took place at All Saints Anglican Church in Niagara Falls Village. The bride and groom returned to Pinkerton where Geary would operate a dry goods store in a building newly built by his father William. His wife Jessie ran a millinery shop on the premises and was later joined by her mother-in-law in this endeavour. The population of Pinkerton was about 150. A short time later Geary formed Geary & Co. with 2 partners Thomas Pinkerton (saw and carding mills) and J.B Campbell (harness maker). This union lasted until 1890 when Geary decided to go it alone and Campbell and Pinkerton open up in a yellow brick building directly across the road. The impression is that the split was not amiable or else was necessary and Bradstreet's directory made a point of reporting in their Dominion of Canada directory for Geary & Co. R.W. Geary only. I say that it may have been necessary because in the following year of 1891 Geary became the Postmaster and has a post office set up in back of his store. It is possible that the arrangement made by Geary to become postmaster could not include his partners for some reason. The year 1891 also saw the birth of his daughter Grace.



In 1898 Geary & Co. along with Jessie and Grace move to Niagara Falls and opened a dry goods store (also offering clothing and men's furnishings) at the intersection of Main Street and Lundy's Lane. Robert Geary would try his hand at retail sales for just a few more years before giving it up forever in 1907 to become a Real Estate agent. Geary operated out of his home first at 33 Barker St. and later at 92 Main St. He continued in this vocation for the next 20 years until about 1927. Jessie and Robert Geary celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 29, 1933 just one month before Robert passed away on June 30, 1933. Robert William Geary was 74 years old when he died.

Shortly after Geary arrived in Niagara Falls he became involved with the Lundy's Lane Historical Society becoming the President in 1909 and remaining in this position for 24 years until his death in 1933. Geary became known in general as an specialist in the War of 1812 and an authority specifically on the Battle of Lundy's Lane. To say it was his passion clearly would be an understatement.

Geary wrote a 15 page pamphlet in 1912 as a 'Memorial of the 100th Anniversary of the War of 1812-14' which was published by the Lundy's Lane Historical Society. In 1914 Geary arranged and participated in a re-enactment of the Battle of Lundy's Lane. I am quite certain it was his idea as well to have medals made to commemorate this occasion and today we are reminded of this by the beautifully executed pieces in both bronze and sterling silver.



Along with his seemingly vast knowledge of the War of 1812 Geary was also something of an authority on Military buttons. In the 1905 Ontario Historical Society annual report Geary is quoted in connection to 'the potency of military buttons of British garrisons in Upper Canada as *synecdoche's to loyalist efforts' "All that visibly remains of these once gallant battalions are these old battered and corroded pieces of stamped metal - relics insignificant in themselves, yet immensely suggestive of the great struggles in the political formation of this continent".

At the time of his death Geary was the Honorary Vice-President of the Ontario Historical Society. Robert Geary was a frequent contributor to literary and historical publications in England, the United States and Canada.

(picture right) The stage is set for the re enactment of the Battle of Lundy's Lane 100 years later at the intersection of Main St. and Lundy's Lane July 25, 1914.



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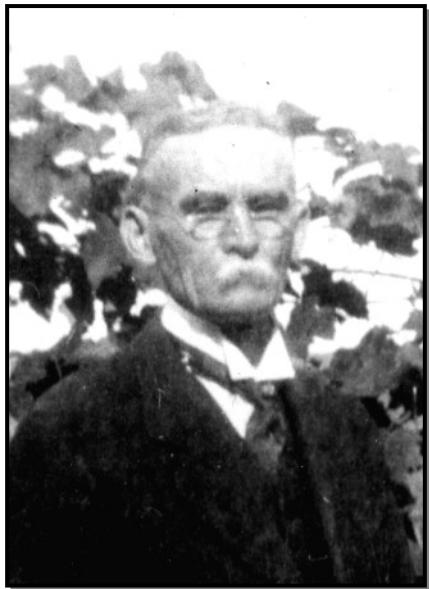
* synecdoche; a figure of speech by which a part is put for the whole (as *fifty sail* for *fifty ships*), the whole for a part (as *society* for *high society*), the species for the genus (as *cutthroat* for *assassin*), the genus for the species (as *a creature* for a *man*), or the name of the material for the thing made (as *boards* for *stage*). Merriam-Webster



The Lundy's Lane Historical Society medals commemorating the 100th Anniversary of The Battle of Lundy's Lane.

Obverse: Lundy's Lane Historical Society / 1914 / Niagara Falls, Canada.

Reverse: To Commemorate / the / 100th Anniversary / of the / Battle of Lundy's Lane / Between the / British and United States / Forces / July 25th 1814



Robert William Geary
1859 – 1933



A personal token made for Geary in 1894.

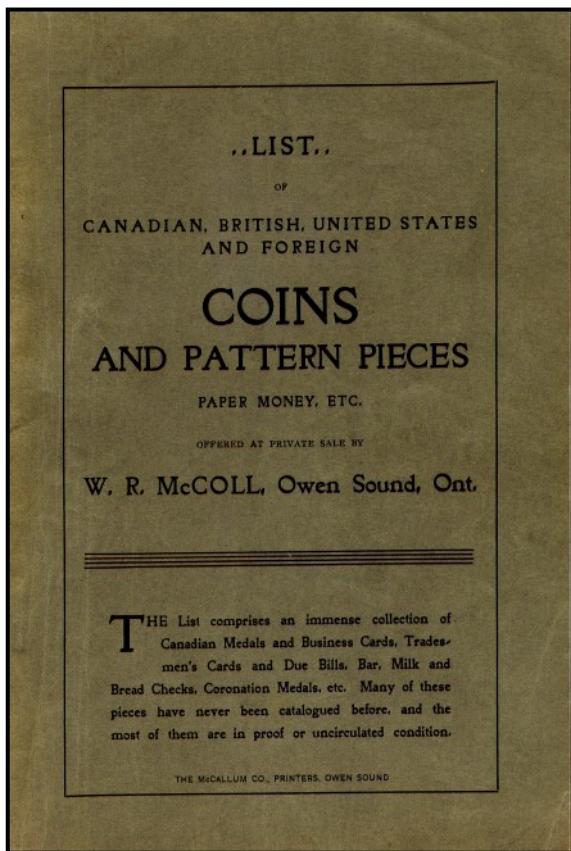


In 1903 when W.R. McColl put out his list he made reference to R.W. Geary and his numismatic token on page 32 under the heading 'Numismatists or Coin Collectors'. McColl assigned the tokens number 811 for the brass and 812 for the aluminum. At 50c each McColl valued them at double most of the other like offerings possibly suggesting that there were not as many available. Given the familiar style of the obverse McColl may even have had a hand in the creation of these pieces.

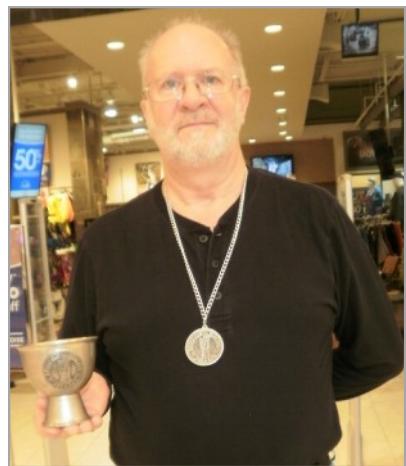


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McColl # 811 Brass



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McColl # 812 Aluminum

NUMISMATISTS OR COIN COLLECTORS NOT CATALOGUED		
LOT NO.		PRICE
806b	Copper, uncirculated, S. M. Thomson, Brantford.....	\$0 25
807	Alum., uncirculated, J. T. Roberge, Sorel, Quebec.....	40
808	Brass, uncirculated, M. A. Sanders, Sarnia.....	25
809	German Silver, uncirculated, M. A. Sanders, Sarnia.....	25
810	Brass, uncirculated, Ewen S. McLeod, Wheatley River, P.E.I.	20
811	Brass, uncirculated, R. W. Geary, Niagara Falls.....	50
812	Alum., uncirculated, R. W. Geary, Niagara Falls	50
813	Alum., uncirculated, W. A. Shaw, Toronto	25
814	Brass, uncirculated, W. A. Shaw, Toronto	25
822	Alum., uncirculated, J. B. Dagan, Sarnia	25
823	German Silver, uncirculated, I. B. Dagan, Sarnia	25
824	Brass, uncirculated, E. W. Barton, Toronto, 20 struck	35
825	Copper, uncirculated, E. W. Barton, Toronto, 5 struck	10
826	German Silver, uncirculated, E. W. Barton, Toronto, 75 struck....	25
827	Alum., uncirculated, George Holmes, Owen Sound	25
828	Brass, uncirculated, George Holmes, Owen Sound	25
829	Alum., uncirculated, W. R. McColl, Owen Sound, correct	25
830	Alum., uncirculated, W. R. McColl, Owen Sound, numismatists, error	35
831	Copper, uncirculated, W. R. McColl, Owen Sound, correct	25
832	Copper, unc., W. R. McColl, Owen Sound, numismatists, error	35
833	Brass, unc., W. R. McColl, Owen Sound, different die, correct	25
834	Brass, uncirculated, S. S. Heal, Toronto, "Cheval," 5 struck	1 25
835	Brass, uncirculated, S. S. Heal, Toronto, A.N.A., 243, 50 struck	50
836	German Silver, unc., S. S. Heal, Toronto, A.L., 5961, 25 struck	50
837	Copper, uncirculated, S. S. Heal, Toronto, A.L., 5961, 75 struck	60
838	Geo. Silver, uncirculated, S. S. Heal, Toronto, A.L., 5661, 20 struck	55
839	German Silver, unc., S. S. Heal, Toronto, good for 5¢ in error, 25 struck	75
840	Brass, uncirculated, S. S. Heal, Toronto, rev. leaf	50
841	German Silver, uncirculated, S. S. Heal, Toronto, rev. leaf	50
842	Brass, uncirculated, S. S. Heal, Toronto, "Coins" error, 10 struck	1 00
843	Copper, uncirculated, S. S. Heal, Toronto, "Coins" error, 80 struck	50
844	German Silver, unc., S. S. Heal, Toronto, "Coins" error, 10 struck	1 00
845	Copper, uncirculated, S. S. Heal, Toronto, "Coins" correct, 80 struck	50
846	Brass, uncirculated, S. S. Heal, Toronto, "Coins" correct, 10 struck	1 00
847	German Silver, unc., S. S. Heal, Toronto, "Coins" correct, 10 struck	1 00
CRANSTON ISSUES. OF GALT, ONT.		
NOT CATALOGUED		
848	Alum., uncirculated, clasped hands, new ideas in advertising	\$0 20
849	Copper, uncirculated, clasped hands, new ideas in advertising	20
850	Brass, uncirculated, clasped hands, new ideas in advertising	20
851	German Silver, uncirculated, clasped hands, new ideas in advertising	20



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September 24, 2016
September 23, 2017

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**SPREAD THE WORD!!! SWCS IS HAVING A SPECIAL AUCTION WED. MAY 6TH, 2015 –
MANY ITEMS' RESERVES ARE MORE THAN 55% BELOW MARKET, SOME ARE BELOW FACE VALUE.
ALSO SEVERAL LOTS' FULL PROCEEDS TO THE CLUB!!!**

	South Wellington Coin Society Wed., May 6th, 2015 Auction Sheet	Trends / Mkt	Reserve	Your Bid	Winning Bid
1	Lot of 3 Austria Maria Theresa Thaler 1780 SF Restrike .833 Silver / ASW .7517 oz, 41mm : ICCS MS64, ICCS MS63, and an EF40 (stain streak on reverse)	\$105.00	\$40.00		
2	Lot of 2 Nicaragua: 1898 5 Centavos ICCS VF20 (KM 8) Copper-Nickel and 1887H 10 Centavos ICCS F12 .800 Silver / ASW .0643 oz (KM 3)	proceeds to club	\$1.00		
3	1970 Bank of Jamaica 2 Dollars UNC FE667369 Out of Many One People	\$25.00	\$5.00		
4	Lot of 4 Germany: 1876F 20 Pfennig .900 Silver / ASW .0321 oz ICCS MS63 (KM 5); 1926E 2 Reichsmark ICCS EF40 (KM 45) .500 Silver / ASW .1607 oz; 1864A 3 Pfennige VF30 (KM 98) Copper; 1867B 3 Pfennige EF45 (KM 171.2 Dreier), Copper	\$145.00	\$55.00		
5	Lot of 18 Canadian Tire: 1859 - 1959 Granby Dollar (stamped RESTAURANT ELITE) bought in 2009 at \$18; 7 X 5¢ (2 are counter-stamped for souvenir script); 6 x 10¢; 1 x 25¢; 2 x 50¢; 1 x \$1	at least \$21.20?	\$3.00		
6	Lot of 3: Greece 1873A 1 Drachma .835 Silver / ASW .1342 oz ICCS F15 (KM 38); Greece 1954 50 Lepta ICCS VG8 (KM 80) Copper-Nickel; Denmark ND(1960)(h) S 5 Kroner .800 Silver / ASW .4372 oz ICCS MS64 (KM 852)	\$80.00	\$32.00		
7	Lot of 5 Cancelled Cheques: 2 x 1908 Sterling Bank of Canada; 1872 Vicksburg Bank; 1877 Chemical National Bank with 2¢ postage stamp; 1928 Bank of Bay Biscayne	proceeds to club	\$7.50		
8	Lot of 2 Netherlands: 1932 2-1/2 Gulden .720 Silver / ASW .5787 oz ICCS EF40 Polished (KM 165); ND (1970) 10 Gulden .720 Silver / ASW .5787 oz ICCS MS64 (KM 195) - this is correct, the same ASW in both coins	\$70.00	\$28.00		
9	Lot of 11 CNA 2008 Convention Scrip: WM2008913B, CTC2008063, CN2008004RS, MR2008090B, P2008138B, C2008236T, C2008323M, R2008037H, S2008140B, CD2008120B, BC2008079R	proceeds to club	\$3.00		
10	Lot of 12 (9 are UNC) Japanese 1942-44 notes issued for various nations and colonies they conquered: One Centavo PY; One Dollar MO; Five Centavos PQ; Five Rupees BB; Ten Centavos P / A I; 2 Ten Rupees BA; Ten Dollars MP; 2 Ten Pesos (one is PE and	\$63.00	\$22.00		
11	1870 Anticosti Island Token - 1/8 Dollar, Lovitt Die, St. Lawrence River, AU	\$160.00	\$45.00		
12	Vatican Year XXII 1867R 1 Lira ICCS F12 (Plus IX) (Rome Mint) (KM 1378) .835 Silver / ASW .1342 oz	proceeds to club	\$2.00		
13	1885 OXO "L'Argent,..," collector card; Dominion of Canada Temporary War Ration Card TO-S 510732; 1945-1946 Canada Gasoline Licence and Ration Coupon Book A 316769	\$55.00	\$12.00		
14	Guatemala 1882 1/4 Real ICCS AU50 (KM 151) .835 Silver / ASW .0207 oz	proceeds to club	\$1.00		
15	CNA 2008 Autograph Card Set of 8 cards includes Copper convention medal, autographs of designers and numismatists such as Cecily Mok, Susan Taylor, Jose Osio, Christie Paquet, Cosme Saffioti, Stan Witton; AND 7 of Fred Freeman's RCNA CoinKids cards of which includes actual coins: Cda 1987 50¢ PL, Terry Fox Dollar, "Lucky" Loonie Dollar PL, 1919 One Cent	\$30.00	\$8.50		
16	BR 795 1889 P H Desilets, Ottawa, ICCS AU55	\$225.00	\$65.00		
17	2000 Liberia \$5 Mult-Coloured Bald Eagle Brilliant UNC 40mm Copper-Nickel	proceeds to club	\$5.00		
18	1831 Great Britain Official Bronze Coronation of William IV Medal - AE 33mm, by Wyon, obv. Bust of William IV facing right, rev. Bust of Adelaide Queen Consort, BHM.1475, BCM (Eimer) 1251, Wollaston xvi, chocolat brown	\$125.00	\$38.00		
19	Lot of 5 notes (all UNC): \$20 Guyana (Ferry Vessel Malali); 5 Pesos Philippines (1949 La Solidaridad); 2 Piso Pilipinas (1949); 10 Pesos Mexico (1977); 100 Cruzeiros Brasil	proceeds to club	\$5.00		
20	1963 - 1983 Kent Coin Club 20th Anniversary .925 Silver Proof Medal (only 50 were made)	\$65.00	\$15.00		
21	Lot of 2 Cda 1870 - 1970 B Manitoba Centennial Nickel Dollar in RCM case, BU	proceeds to club	\$8.00		
22	1907 Jeremiah Gibbs Numismatist (20 Ashley St., Hamilton, Ontario) BU token	\$50.00	\$15.00		
23	U.S. 1732 - 1982 Mintmark S .900 Silver / ASW .3617oz Half Dollar *250th Anniversary of the birth of George Washington* Proof	\$20.00	\$8.00		
24	Lot of 16 Cda: Grey Cup Loonie EF; 4 colourized 25¢ BU-AU; 8 25¢ EF-AU (includes Tecumseh); 3 VF-EF-AU One Cent (FV \$4.03)	proceeds to club	\$3.85		
25	Portugal 1898 1000 Reis ICCS VF30 .917 Silver / ASW .7370 oz 400th Anniversary Discovery of India	\$32.00	\$13.00		
26	Spain 1870 OM 10 Centimos ICCS F12 Copper	proceeds to club	\$0.50		
27	Italian Papal States 1796 2-1/2 Baiocchi (Viterbo Mint) ICCS F12 Copper (Pius IV)	\$125.00	\$38.00		
28	South Africa 1948 Red Penny Bronze ICCS MS65 (KM 34.1) AND 1941 3 Pence F12 (KM 26) .800 Silver / ASW .0363 oz	proceeds to club	\$1.50		
29	Russia 1800EM 2 Kopek Copper Plain Edge (KM N335) EF45 Novedels, Bitkin-116, Br-79, Paul I	\$150.00	\$42.00		
30	British West Africa 1908 1/10 Penny ICCS MS65 (KM 1) Aluminum	\$30.00	\$11.00		
31	Denmark 1899 (h) 5 Ore EF (KM 794.2) Bronze	\$90.00	\$22.00		
32	Vatican Year XXII 1868R 10 Soldi (50 Centesimi - Pius IX) ICCS VF20 (Rome Mint) (KM 1376) .835 Silver / ASW .0671 oz	proceeds to club	\$3.00		
33	Last Coin Issue of Newfoundland set of 6 encapsulated coins (VF-EF) in beautiful mahogany display case: 1947C One Cent, 1947C Silver Five Cent, 1947C Silver Ten Cent, 1912 Silver Twenty Cent, 1919C Silver Twenty-Five Cent, 1919C Silver Fifty Cent	\$115.00	\$45.00		
34	Uruguay 1857D 20 C ICCS VF20 (KM 9) Copper	\$15.00	\$4.00		
35	Lot of 2: Chile 1881 Decimo ICCS F12 (KM 136.3) .500 Silver / ASW .0402 oz AND Mexico 1866MO Peso ICCS F12 (scratches)(KM 388.1) .903 Silver / ASW .7859 oz	\$32.00	\$12.00		
36	Ecuador 1889 2 Decimos (DOS) ICCS VF20 (KM 51.1) .900 Silver / ASW .1447 oz	\$18.00	\$6.50		
37	Lot of 2 Panama: 1904 10 Centesimos .900 Silver / ASW .1447 oz ICCS VF30 (KM 3) AND 1916 2-1/2 Centesimos ICCS F12 (KM 7.2) Copper-Nickel	\$28.00	\$9.00		
38	2011 RCM Lunar Lotus - Year of the Rabbit (S) Proof \$15, .925 Silver, 38mm, 26.29gm, grey silk case and COA	\$115.00	\$34.00		
39	2010 RCM Lunar Lotus - Year of the Tiger (S) Proof \$15, .925 Silver, 38mm, 26.29gm, grey silk case and COA	\$130.00	\$48.00		
40	Cda 1898 F2 Five Cent Slender 8 ICCS VF20 .925 Silver 1.16gm	\$60.00	\$25.00		